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Current Events,
World Almanac for
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Month and
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1. **Mythical Creatures Revealed**   
SuperScience (Vol. 18, No. 8); May 2007; Lexile Score: 830; 13K.
Summary: "Discover the science behind the legends of some magical creatures." (*SuperScience*) Read scientific explanations behind dragons, unicorns and mermaids. Vocabulary, background information and
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Updated monthly, Pathfinders include:

- Holidays/celebrations
- Born this month
- Challenge Quest

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Born this Month



[Alex Haley \(1921-1992\)](#)

Alex Haley was born on August 11, 1921 in Ithaca, New York. He is remembered for writing the best-selling book *Roots*, which tells the true story of his mother's ancestry.

[Annie Oakley \(1860-1926\)](#)
[Benjamin Harrison \(1833-1901\)](#)
[Bill Clinton \(1946-\)](#)
[Davy Crockett \(1786-1836\)](#)
[Duke Kahanamoku \(1890-1968\)](#)
[Elizabeth, Queen Mother \(1900-2002\)](#)
[Herbert Hoover \(1874-1964\)](#)
[Itzhak Perlman \(1945-\)](#)
[Leonard Bernstein \(1918-1990\)](#)
[Louis Armstrong \(ca. 1900-1971\)](#)
[Lyndon B. Johnson \(1908-1973\)](#)
[Marcus Garvey \(1867-1940\)](#)
[Mary Shelley \(1797-1851\)](#)
[Matthew Henson \(1866-1955\)](#)
[Meriwether Lewis \(1774-1809\)](#)
[Mother Teresa \(1910-1997\)](#)
[Napoleon Bonaparte \(1769-1821\)](#)
[Neil Armstrong \(1930-\)](#)
[Orville Wright \(1871-1948\)](#)
[Paula Danziger \(1944-2004\)](#)
[Ralph Bunche \(1904-1971\)](#)
[Walter Dean Myers \(1935-\)](#)
[William Clark \(1770-1838\)](#)

Suggested Research Topics

Caffeine
 Subject Headings: [Caffeine](#); [Caf](#)
 Subject Tree Paths: [DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES](#)
 Keywords: [caffeine](#); [soda](#); [coke](#); [energy drinks](#)

Cloning Animals
 Subject Headings: [Cloning](#); [Mammals](#)
 Subject Tree Paths: [SCIENCE](#)
 Keywords: [cloning AND cat](#)

Global Warming
 Subject Headings: [Global warming](#)
 Subject Tree Paths: [SCIENCE](#)
[Warming & Greenhouse Effect](#)
 Keywords: ["global warming" AND](#)

Iraq
 Subject Headings: [Hussein, Saddam](#)
 Subject Tree Paths: [COUNTRIES](#)
[Countries by Regions: Middle East](#)
 Keywords: [Iraq](#) NOT "Country Facts"
 Encyclopedia Keywords: [Iraq](#)
 Encyclopedia Entry: [Iraq](#)

Ocelots
 Subject Headings: [Ocelot](#)
 Subject Tree Paths: [ANIMALS](#); [Mammals](#); [ocelots](#)
 Keywords: [ocelot](#)
 Encyclopedia Entry: [OCELOT](#)

Picture for article: [butterfly and moth](#)

Picture title: Great purple hairstreak butterfly

